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True ACCOUNT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
AT THE
ASSIZES,

Held for the County of SURREY at

CROYDON,

Begun on *Wednesday* the 28th. of *February*, 1683.
and there continued for several Days.

With a RELATION of the PRISONERS
TRYED and CONDEMNED at the
said ASSIZES.

ON *Wednesday* the 28th. of *February*, 1683. the Assizes began for the County of *Surrey* at *Croydon*; The Lord Chief Justice *Pemberton*, and Mr. Justice *Charleton*, being the Judges at the said Assizes.

Above Forty Prisoners were carried down from the Marshalsea; that had been committed since the last Assizes; besides others who lay in the said Goal upon former Convictions; and five or more brought by *Habeas Corpus* from *Newgate*.

Abraham Norton, alias *William Smith*; one of those so brought by *Habeas Corpus* from *Newgate*, being indicted for stealing Horses, was found *Guilty* thereof.

William Fellowes, Committed by the Coroner for the County of *Surrey*, for the Felonious Murthering of one *Thomas Allison*, was Committed of the same.

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John Brown, Indicted for entring the dwelling House of one *Roger Hammond*, and Stealing from thence several Parcels of Wearing Apparel, he was found *Guilty of Felony and Burglary*.

John Harris, and *Elizabeth Eriscoe*, Committed for Breaking into the dwelling House of *Joshua Boulton*, and Stealing thence several Parcels of Goods, to the value of Seven Pounds, were likewise Convicted of *Burglary*.

Sannel Hall, Committed for Stealing a Horse and two Mares, and Indicted for the same was found *Guilty*.

William Hynesworth, for Stealing a Pair of Black Fringe Gloves, out of the Shop of one *Richard Dringly*, was found *Guilty*.

Robert Smith, Committed for Stealing a Bay Gelding, of the value of Six Pounds, out of the Stable of one *John Wood*, in the Town of *Malden*, in the County of *Essex*; upon his Tryal for the same, was found *Guilty*.

Lawrence Addington, *William Brayzer*, and *Henry Lowell*, were all Committed for Fellowiously Sealing three Silver Tankards, and a Beaker from *Peter Sallaways*, but upon their Tryals, the Evidence against them not being clear, they were Acquitted.

William Spragg, Indicted for Stealing a Manrue Gown, and other things out of the House of one *Mary Wright*, and thereof was found *Guilty*.

Gabriel Lowe, Indicted for picking the Pocket of *Elizabeth*, the Wife of *Edward Hubbold*, was found *Guilty*.

Mary Denby, Tryed for Stealing a Deal-box, and therein several Pieces of Gold and Silver, of which she was found *Guilty*.

Thomas Emerton, Committed for picking the Pocket of one *Mary Johnson*, but upon his Tryal was Acquitted.

Anne Emerton, Tryed for Fellowiously entring the House of one *Thomas Nichols*, and Stealing from thence several Pieces of Wearing Apparel, and thereof found *Guilty*.

John Stocks, Committed for picking the Pocket of one *Thomas Hopgood*, but upon his Tryal was Acquitted.

Alice Fergison, *Peter Anderson*, and *Thomas Fernely*, Committed by the Coroner for the County of *Surrey*, for the Fellowious poysoning of one *John Fergison*; but being Indicted and Tryed for the said Murder, the Evidence produced, could not positively prove, that any thing by them given the Deceased, was the cause of his Death, or at least they did not give a satisfactory Evidence, when in Court; so that the said Persons were thereof Acquitted.

Many other Persons having been Committed since the last *Affizes*, to the said County Goal of *Surrey*: Part of them were Tryed and Acquitted of the several Crimes for which they were Indicted, and some of them not Indicted at all, *viz.*

William Christian, Committed for Sealing of a Copper.

William Benn, for Breaking the Prison of *St. Katherine*, near the Tower of *London*.

Thomas Toll, for maintaining several Seditious Principles in publick Discourse against the Government of *England*.

John Talbot, for the Felonious taking of a black Cow from a Person, who when he was Committed was not known.

Richard Scarlet, for Stealing Three and Twenty Shillings from one *Evan Heighes*.

Samuel Lamber, for the Felonious taking of a Brown Gelding.

Daniel Fry, and *George Norman*, for Stealing of Thirty Nine Perpetuances and Sayes, and a Coat of *Thomas Godfells*.

Abigail Swinfield, for Stealing a Silver Caudle-Cup from one *Charles Dumvill*.

Elizabeth Villard, for Stealing a Parcel of Crape, Linnen, and other things to the value of Forty Shillings, out of the House of one *James Kenaston*,

Edward Arthur, *John Volders*, *William Thomas*, and *Richard Osbourn*, for Stealing of a Chest of Goode, out of a Cart at *Bear Key*, and a Bag of Money, containing Seventy and Four pounds, from a Compter of a Goldsmiths in *Lumbardstreet*.

Mary Aynes alias *Symonds*, for Stealing of a Flaxen Sheet, out of a Shed or Out-house.

Joseph Tennant, and *Susan* his Wife, for Stealing a Piece of Lawn, out of the House of one *Elizabeth Green*.

Meriam Arthur, for picking a Pocket.

George Collington, and *Anne White*, for Clipping several Parcels of the currant Coin of this Kingdom, and for stamping and uttering several Parcels of false Moneys.

Edmund Terry, for a Burglary upon the House of Mr. *James Davison* at *Kingstone* upon *Thames*; and stealing from thence several pieces of Plate and Moneys.

Henry Bayly, for misdemeanours at unseasonable times in the Night.

William Hammond, for Stealing Eleven Hens and a Cock.

Uriah Holder, for Breaking into the dwelling House of one *Thomas Tyler*, and taking thence several Goods, to the value of Nine and twenty pounds.

George Whitehead, *William Seamore*, *John Price*, and *Francis Elbocrow*, brought also by *Habeas Corpus* from *Newgate*; one of which was found Guilty.

It was by many expected, that Mr. *Nathaniel Vincent* the Presbyterian Minister, would have come to a new Tryal before the Judge of Assize, upon the late Indictment against him (and upon which he was Convicted) at the last Quarter Sessions held at *Darling* for the said County of *Surrey*; but what ground there was for such expectations I know not, for he had no new Tryal at the Assizes.

In Conclusion, Twelve received Sentence of Death, viz.

William Fellows, Robert Smith, Abraham Moreton, alias William Smith, John Price, David William, Samel Hall, Anne Emerton, Mary Denby, John Harris, Elizabeth Briscoe, William Hopkins, and John Brown.

But two of the three Women pleaded their Bellies, and Juries of Women being thereupon Impannelled; they brought them in to be Quick With Child.

There were Three burnt in the Hand, viz.

William Spragg, Gabriel Law, and William Hainworth.

Also Ten begged Transportation, viz.

Anne James, Samuel Johnson, James Steward, Joyet Folke, William Bishop, Henry Slaughter, William Tooth, Geofery Knightly, George Pinefold, and Elizabeth Booth.

Of the Twelve Mentioned to be Condemned, some are in hopes of a Reprieve until the next Assizes, besides the Two Women, who were found to be with Child; so that the day of Execution not yet publick. But the Assizes Ending on Friday Night, the Prisoners were again brought back on Saturday to the Marshalsea.

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